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SUBJECT: SECRETARY'S BACKGROUNDER FOR TRAVELLING PRESS MAY 29

DEPARTMENT PASS WHITE HOUSE FOR GENERAL SCOWCROFT AND ZIEGLER

1. FOLLOWING ARE MAJOR POINTS MADE BY SECRETARY IN 20 MINUTE
BACKGROUNDER AT KING DAVID HOTEL, JERUSALEM ON MAY 29:

A) ELEMENTS OF AGREEMENT ARE BUFFER ZONE, THINNING-OUT OF
FORCES, ISRAELI WITHDRAWALS, EXCHANGE OF POWS AND UNITED
NATIONS PRESENCE, BUT CANNOT DISCUSS ANY DETAILS BEFORE AGREEMENT
IS SIGNED.

B) RE U.S. UNDERSTANDINGS NOT INCLUDED IN AGREEMENT, ANY
SUCH UNDERSTANDINGS WILL BE SUBMITTED TO SENATE FRC.

C) MOST COMPLICATED NEGOTIATION I HAVE EVER UNDERTAKEN WITH
EVERY ISSUE CONTESTED WITH UNBELIEVABLE TENACITY BY BOTH SIDES.

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IT WAS SLOW, ARDUOUS PROCESS OF NARROWING GAPS THAT FINALLY DID IT.

D) CEASEFIRE WILL TAKE PLACE WHEN AGREEMENT SIGNED BY ISRAELI AND SYRIAN REPRESENTATIVES IN GENEVA.

E) RE QUESTION ON US ASSURANCES ON TERRORISM, WHATEVER ASSURANCES WE GIVE WILL BE MADE PUBLIC.

F) THIS PIVOTAL AGREEMENT VERY SIGNIFICANT BECAUSE:

1. FOR FIRST TIME SINCE 1948 A RADICAL, ISOLATED SYRIA HAS MADE AN AGREEMENT WITH ISRAEL

2) IT WILL HOPEFULLY ENCOURAGE A POSITIVE EVOLUTION IN RELATIONS BETWEEN ARAB STATES AND ISRAEL

3. IT WILL GIVE MODERATE FORCES IN ARAB WORLD, SUCH AS EGYPT, A CHANGE TO PURSUE THEIR COURSE

4. IT WILL HOPEFULLY ENCOURAGE OTHER ARAB STATES TO FOLLOW A MORE MODERATE COURSE IN RELATIONS WITH UNITED STATES.

G) EXPECT NO PROBLEMS IN SECURITY COUNCIL RE UN FORCE WHICH SHOULD BE READY WHEN WITHDRAWALS COMPLETED.

H) LOOK FORWARD TO GREAT IMPROVEMENT IN US-SYRIAN RELATIONS AND WILL TRY TO NORMALIZE THESE RELATIONS. NO AID COMMITMENTS WERE GIVEN TO SYRIA. \$100 MILLION FUND PLAYED NO ROLE IN NEGOTIATIONS AND WAS NOT SUBJECT OF DISCUSSION. WE WOULD BE PREPARED TO CONSIDER AIDING SYRIA'S FUTURE RESETTLEMENT EFFORTS.

I) SADAT AND BOUMEDIENE PLAYED VERY CONSTRUCTIVE ROLES DURING NEGOTIATIONS. KISSINGER

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